

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 361, "Licensure of Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators," and Chapter 362, "Continuing Education for Sign Language Interpreters and Transliterators," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments set a date range in which certain requirements apply for temporary license holders and modify other rules to ensure consistency between temporary licensure and permanent licensure requirements to enhance licensees' understanding of requirements.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than January 6, 2009, addressed to Pierce Wilson, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; E-mail pwilson@idph.state.ia.us.

A public hearing will be held on January 6, 2009, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154E and 272C.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 361.2(2) as follows:

361.2(2) Licensees who were issued their licenses within six months prior to the renewal shall not be required to renew their licenses until the renewal ~~month~~ cycle two years later.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 361.2(6), introductory paragraph, as follows:

361.2(6) Beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, a temporary license holder shall be required to:

ITEM 3. Renumber subrules **362.2(3)** to **362.2(5)** as **362.2(4)** to **362.2(6)**.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new subrule 362.2(3):

362.2(3) Requirements for temporary license holders. Prior to July 1, 2009, the temporary license holder shall comply with requirements specified in 645—subrule 361.2(6). Beginning July 1, 2009, the temporary license holder shall comply with continuing education requirements at the time of each license renewal including the first renewal of the license. Temporary license holders shall be required to obtain 40 hours as set forth in subparagraph 362.3(2)"a"(2) and paragraph 362.3(2)"b" for each subsequent renewal biennium beginning July 1, 2009. The temporary license holder may use only continuing education hours acquired during the current biennial license period for renewal.

ITEM 5. Amend subparagraph **362.3(2)"a"(2)** as follows:

(2) Obtained in content areas that conform to the content areas specified in the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) Certification Maintenance Program Standards and Criteria for Approved Sponsors, revised edition, June 2004, with the exception of the number of CEUs required which is defined in 362.3(2)"b." RID activity categories of independent study or teaching an academic class are not professional study categories that can be claimed for credit by temporary license holders.